

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR BUREAU OF YARDS
AND DOCKS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR
BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS.

JANUARY 13, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 10, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of
Congress, a copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Navy,
of the 9th instant, submitting an additional estimate for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 1903, for the naval establishment, under Bureau of
Yards and Docks, as follows:

Civil establishment, Bureau of Yards and Docks:

Island of Tutuila—

One interpreter..... \$2,000

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 9, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to
Congress, a supplemental estimate, under the subheading "Civil
establishment, Bureau of Yards and Docks, island of Tutuila," for one
interpreter, \$2,000. Copies of correspondence on this subject inclosed.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully,

JOHN D. LONG, *Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 2, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a letter from the commandant of the naval station, Tutuila, together with a letter from Mr. E. W. Gurr. About the 1st of May, 1900, Commandant Tilley created an office known as the secretary of native affairs, and said Gurr was appointed to the office, expecting to receive an annual salary of \$2,500. There was no warrant in law for creating the office or paying the salary.

Gurr's request for payment is approved by Commandants Tilley and Sebree. This salary is not included in the estimate of expenses for which appropriation is asked.

I would not recommend an appropriation for salary as such, but the commandant has need of an interpreter of the Samoan language and an adviser in the Samoan law, and I would recommend an appropriation for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. H. DARLING.
Assistant Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION,
Tutuila, December 3, 1901.

SIR: I forward herewith a letter from Mr. E. W. Gurr, who is the secretary of native affairs in Tutuila, requesting that his salary be at the rate of \$2,500 per year from December 1, 1901.

2. I approve of his request and recommend that he be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy.

In regard to the pay, I have informed Mr. Gurr that, beginning with December 1, 1901, his pay will be at the rate of \$2,500 per annum.

3. I request the approval of the Department of this action.

4. Mr. Gurr has been secretary of native affairs and judge of the district court since the United States assumed charge of these islands, and he has been of the greatest assistance to the commandant in dealing with the natives and on land matters.

5. Capt. B. F. Tilley informs me that Mr. Gurr is the best and, in fact, the only available man competent for the position.

6. Mr. Gurr is familiar with Samoan matters. He speaks the language, is a competent lawyer, and has had great experience in Samoan land and other matters.

7. In the settlement of the land matters alone his services are very much needed by the commandant, and in dealing with the natives it is urgently necessary that the commandant should have the services of a reliable man who understands the language and customs. I am informed by Captain Tilley that Mr. Gurr is such a man, and, from my limited experience of one week, I think such a man is well worth \$2,500 per year, and I trust the Department will approve of my action.

8. Mr. Gurr has excellent testimonials from such men as Baron Senfft von Pilsach, president of the municipality of Apia; Chief Justice W. L. Chambers; Chief Justice H. C. Ide; Sir O'Brien, British

high commissioner for the Western Pacific; Consul-General L. W. Osborn, when Chief Justice of Samoa; Judge C. W. Dustin, of Dayton, Ohio.

Very respectfully, U. SEBREE,
Commander, U. S. N., Commandant.

The SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, TUTUILA.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF NATIVE AFFAIRS,
November 30, 1901.

SIR: 1. I have the honor to inform you that I desire the remuneration for services rendered by the secretary of native affairs should be put on a more definite basis than has hitherto existed.

2. Upon taking office, on May 1, 1900, when, at the same time, I took the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and declared my intention of then becoming a citizen of that country, the amount required by me as compensation would be, at the least, the sum of \$2,500 per annum for the services alone as contained in regulation No. 5 of the laws of the United States naval station, Tutuila. The then commandant, Commander B. F. Tilley, U. S. N., informed me that he had no power to pay that sum, but that he would take all necessary steps to get the authority to pay the salary. I conditionally accepted, believing that in a few months I would receive a satisfactory reply to the conditions under which I accepted service under the Government of the United States.

After the lapse of several months I again brought the matter before the notice of the commandant, and have since repeatedly represented that there must be a more definite understanding as to my real status in the Government and the amount of remuneration to be received, to all of which representations I have been requested to await the time when Commander (now Captain) Tilley should visit Washington, when he could personally acquaint the Navy Department of the exact nature of the services required by my office. I have now waited since May 1, 1900, and have not received any satisfactory reply, nor even appreciation from the Government of any services rendered by me in the interest of the United States Government in the acquisition and government of their new possessions in Samoa.

3. I have now to state finally, that from the 1st day of December, 1901, I require to be paid at the rate of \$2,500, United States currency, per annum for the performance of the duties devolving upon the secretary of native affairs, as set forth in regulation No. 5, aforesaid, and to respectfully request the requisite orders and arrangements by the commandant of the station to be made for acceding to my request.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,
E. W. GURR,
Secretary of Native Affairs.

To Captain URIEL SEBREE, U. S. N.,
Commandant, United States Naval Station, Tutuila.

[First indorsement.]

UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, TUTUILA,
Pago Pago, December 3, 1901.

Respectfully forwarded with letter of this date.

I respectfully recommend that the salary asked be allowed.

U. SEBREE,
Commander, U. S. N., Commandant.

[Second indorsement.]

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
January 7, 1902.

Respectfully referred to the Bureau of Yards and Docks, approving the recommendation of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, contained in the accompanying letter of the 2d instant.

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The Bureau is authorized, in accordance therewith, to submit to the Department an estimate for transmission to Congress, through the Treasury Department, under the heading "Civil Establishment, Bureau of Yards and Docks, Island of Tutuila, for one interpreter, \$2,000."

The return of this letter is requested.

LONG, *Secretary.*

[Third indorsement.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS,
January 8, 1902.

Respectfully returned to the Department with form of estimate as directed.

MORDECAI T. ENDICOTT,
Chief of Bureau.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, by the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department.

Civil establishment, Bureau of Yards and Docks:

Island of Tutuila—

One interpreter (submitted)..... \$2,000

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